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**** SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: Sorry for the small content this week. I wrote this all this morning (Sunday). My grand kids were in town for a visit and they take priority. Wished the weather was better this past week and no COVIN-19. Thanks for understanding. Things should be back to normal next week.... 73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 21st/June, through Sunday, 28th/June there were 201 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E3, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YB, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

13 COLONIES (Special Event). Once again the annual (the 12th) "13 Colonies Special Event" will take place between 1300z, July 1st and 0400z July 7th. The certificate is printed on heavy card stock. Stations working one state or, as many as all 15, will be eligible for the certificate. A "Clean Sweep" indicator will be affixed for those lucky enough to work all 15. A special endorsement will be attached for stations contacting their sister operation, WM3PEN, in Philadelphia, PA, where independence was declared. New since 2015, the 13 Colonies have added a second sister event station. GB13COL will operate from Durham, England. The 13 Colonies certificate will have a Liberty Bell added for a contact with WM3PEN. There should be at least two stations from each on the 13 colonies on the air, as well as Super contest stations, multi-operator Club stations and OM and XYL

teams. The U.S. original 13 colonies are CT-DE-GA-MA-MD-NC-NH-NJ-NY-PA-RI-SC-VA. The special events stations mentioned are: K2A (NY), K2B (VA), K2C (RI), K2D (CT), K2E (DE), K2F (MD), K2G (GA), K2H (MA), K2I (NJ), K2J (NC), K2K (NH), K2L (SC), and K2M (PA). All HF bands will be in play, including the WARC bands, with the exception of 60 meters. 2 meters and 6 meter simplex are encouraged. All modes of operation should be represented - SSB, CW, RTTY, Digital, and the Satellites. The mode of operation is up to the individual colony state station. For more details on the stations, suggested frequencies, QSL info and how to obtain the special certificate, see: <http://www.13colonies.us>

All Short Wave Listeners (SWL), you can also qualify for the certificate.

3A, MONACO. Ennio, IW1RBI, will once again be active as 3A/IW1RBI from Monaco between July 6-19th. Activity will be on 30-6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

8N1, JAPAN. Look for the following stations to represent the JARL during the IARU HF World Championship Contest (July 11-12th):

160m CW 8N1HQ Minato, Tokyo	80m CW 8N1HQ Hachioji, Tokyo
80m SSB 8N8HQ Sapporo, Hokkaido	40m SSB 8N2HQ Higashiura, Aichi
20m SSB 8N1HQ Hachioji, Tokyo	15m CW 8N6HQ Minamiaso, Kumamoto
15m SSB 8N1HQ Hachioji, Tokyo	10m CW 8N1HQ Haga, Tochigi

All QSOs will be automatically confirmed by the Bureau.

CQ NEWS (Press Release - Tim Shoppa, N3QE, Named CQ Contesting Editor Succeeds Dave Siddall, K3ZJ). Rich, W2VU, reported on June 26th:

Tim Shoppa, N3QE, of Bethesda, Maryland, has been named CQ magazine's Contesting Editor, CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, announced today. Tim succeeds Dave Siddall, K3ZJ, who is stepping down after five years of writing the magazine's monthly contesting column. Recent increases in work responsibilities limit the amount of time Siddall has available to write about contesting.

Shoppa is an active contester and has been secretary of the Potomac Valley Radio Club for several years. He closely tracks individual contester and contest club activities worldwide. He has a modest but active station on a suburban lot in the Washington, DC, suburbs where he consistently wins the USA TBW (Tri-Bander/Wires) category in the CQ WPX contests - despite having only a wire antenna - and guest operates several times a year at large multi-multi contest stations. He also had the top 80-meter score in the 2018 CQ DX Marathon.

Tim works for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, coordinating the data acquisition of 70,000 devices around the railroad and the supervisory control center computers at the Washington DC Metrorail system. He holds a patent covering track circuit monitoring and alerting in automatic train control systems.

Licensed since age 10, Shoppa took a 30-year break from active hamming after high school before rediscovering the hobby in 2008 and becoming heavily involved in contesting. Tim says he hopes to use the CQ contesting column "to encourage both individual operators and clubs to get on the air in ham radio contests while improving their skills and stations."

"I thank Dave for his five years of dedication to the CQ contesting column and input on a variety of subjects," said Moseson, "and I look forward to working with Tim as he brings his combined experience as a 'little pistol' and a 'big gun' to the pages of CQ."

Shoppa's first column will appear in the September, 2020 issue.

GB0, WALES (Special Event). Members of the North Wales Amateur Radio Group and Eryri DX group are now active from the Welsh Mountain Zoo (situated in Colwyn Bay on the North Wales coast; <http://www.welshmountainzoo.org/>) using the special callsign GB0WMZ until July 17th. QSL via MW0JWP by the Bureau.

GB100, ENGLAND (Special Event). Members of the Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society (RSARS) are celebrating their 100th anniversary by using the special callsign GB100RS between June 28th and the end of October.

Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Special awards are available. See: <https://rsars.org.uk/rsars-corps-celebrations-2020> QSL via the Bureau.

IOTA NEWS. Since no or few new IOTA announcements have been made during the past several weeks (probably because of many COVID-19 travel restrictions), OPDX decided to list the following IOTA operations that were active this past week between June 21-27th (as per the DXCluster):

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
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AF-004	EA8DHV	Tenerife	20m; SSB
AF-004	EA8TL	Tenerife	20m; FT4
AF-016	FR4NT	Reunion	20m; SSB
AF-016	FR4QT	Reunion	20m; SSB
AF-018	IH9YMC	Pantelleria	10m; SSB
AF-022	ZD7FT	St. Helena	20m; SSB
AF-022	ZD7JC	St. Helena	17m; Digi
AS-003	4S7AB	Sri Lanka	30m; CW
AS-004	P3X	Cyrus	10m; CW
AS-007	JH3NGD	Honshu	20m; SSB
EU-004	EA6ACA	Balearic	10m; SSB
EU-004	EA6LU	Balearic	40m; SSB
EU-004	EA6OM	Balearic	10m; SSB
EU-004	EA6QY	Balearic	20m; SSB
EU-004	EA6SM	Balearic	17m; SSB
EU-004	EA6SX	Balearic	10m; SSB
EU-004	EC6DX	Balearic	40m; SSB
EU-005	G2NV/M	Great Britain	20m; SSB
EU-005	G8XDD/P	Great Britain	40m; SSB
EU-005	GM2TT	Scotland	40m; Digi
EU-005	M6TCE	Great Britain	15m; SSB
EU-005	MM0LGS	Scotland	20m; FT8
EU-005	MW6OWO	Wales	17m; Digi
EU-009	GM8OFQ	Orkney	20m; SSB
EU-018	OY1CT	Faroe	20m; CW
EU-018	OY1OF	Faroe	10m; SSB
EU-021	TF2MSN	Iceland	40m; FT8
EU-021	TF3GB	Iceland	30m; Digi
EU-021	TF5B	Iceland	20m; Digi
EU-023	9H1TT	Malta	20m; SSB
EU-023	9H5BZ	Malta	17m; SSB
EU-023	9H5JO	Malta	17m; SSB
EU-025	IT9BLB	Sicily	10m; SSB
EU-025	IT9CLX	Sicily	10m; SSB
EU-026	JW4PUA	Spitsbergen	20m; Digi
EU-028	IK1MNF/IA5	Elba	20m; SSB
EU-029	OV1CDX	Sjaelland	17m; SSB
EU-036	LA7WNA	Sor-Trondelag/More	20m; Digi
EU-084	SM0CXS	Trasko	17m; FT8
EU-114	GU0VPA	Guernsey	17m; FT8
EU-114	GU3UOQ	Guernsey	10m; SSB
EU-115	EI5GEB/M	Ireland	40m; SSB
EU-115	EI6GEB/M	Ireland	40m; SSB
EU-115	MI0ITS	Ireland	10m; FM
EU-115	MI3CAB	Ireland	20m; FT8
EU-131	I3/OE6MBG	Veneto	20m; SSB
EU-171	OZ5HP	Jylland	17m; Digi
EU-175	CU3EQ	Terceira	10m; Digi
EU-186	TA4CS	Turkey	10m; SSB
NA-015	CM2RSV	Cuba	40m; FT8
NA-015	CO6SRS	Cuba	40m; FT8
NA-021	8P5AA	Barbados	20m; SSB
NA-024	J35X	Grenada	30m; Digi
NA-026	W2ZF	NY State	20m; FT8
NA-052	N1UL	FL State SW	30m; FT8

NA-065	WU8U	WA State North	10m; Digi
NA-099	WP4OH	Puerto Rico	40m; Digi
NA-108	J69DS	St. Lucia	10m; FT8
NA-126	VE1BZI	NS Province S	40m; FT8
NA-139	N9NQA	MD State East	20m; SSB
NA-144	KD7WPJ	CA State South	20m; CW
OC-001	VK1TX	Australia	15m; SSB
OC-001	VK3EGN	Australia	30m; CW
OC-016	3D2AG	Viti Levu & Vanua	20m; Digi
OC-019	WA6QDQ/KH6	Hawaiian	20m; SSB
OC-032	FK8IK	New Caledonia	20m; CW
OC-036	ZL1WN	NZ North	20m; SSB
SA-002	VP8HDM/A	Falkland	20m; SSB
SA-006	PJ4DX	Bonaire	20m; SSB
SA-011	9Z4AH	Trinidad	17m; SSB
SA-011	9Z4FE	Trinidad	20m; SSB
SA-011	9Z4Y	Trinidad	17m; Digi

** Thanks to the individuals who put the island/group and mode on their QSNs on the PacketCluster reports....

EU-003. Operators Bruno/CS8ABG, Eurico/CU2CU and Marco/CU7BC will be active as CQ8F from the Formigas Islets (WWFF CUFF-0009, ARLHS AZO 001, PIP AC-013, PFFP FP-163 and DMHP AZ-061), Azores, on June 29th, between 0800-1900z. Activity will be on 80/40/20/17/12/10 meters using CW and SSB. Suggested frequencies are:
 CW 3544, 7024, 14044, 18084, 21044, 24894 and 28044 kHz
 SSB 3744, 7144, 14244, 18144, 21244, 24944 and 28444 kHz.
 QSL Manager is EA5GL.

EU-090. Operators Silvo/S50X, Goran/S52P, Hubert/S53Z, Milan/S58MU, Gordan/DM7AA and Mato/9A3SM will be active as 9A/callsign (except 9A3SM) from the Palagruza Islands between July 18-31st. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. The group will use the callsign 9A20A during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th)[rare multiplier]. The QSL Manager for all callsigns will be S58MU (direct or by the Bureau). The logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. See QRZ.com for more details.

NA-039/ (Rescheduled again) Members of the Russian Robinson Club, who
 NA-070. were to be active as KL7RRC/P from Adak Island (NA-039), Alaska, between September 11-18th (originally scheduled for June), has now reschedule their operation for June 11-14th, 2021. This also means their Kiska Island (NA-070) operation will be scheduled to June 5-10th, 2021.

SHORT IOTA YOUTUBE VIDEOS ARE AVAIALBLE ONLINE:

NA-135 -- 4A2L Isla del Carmen at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=QeGp2X-OPxE&feature=emb_logo

NA-153 -- 6F3A Isla Perez at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=7MENlnLUNxA&feature=emb_logo

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For July 2020). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of July 2020:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Walton on the Naze, in Essex, by Herbie, G6XOU (WAB Square - TM22 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Great Missenden, in Buckinghamshire, by John, G8XTJ (WAB Square - SP80 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

ALL QSLs will be handled by Dick, M5DIK - The QSL Manager and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on or or or via . NO LoTW.

JX, JAN MAYEN. It has been announced that a team of operators will activate Jan Mayen (EU-022) for a 2 week DXpedition sometime in late September 2021 as JX0X. The team members mentioned are Ken/LA7GIA, Mats/RM2D, Dima/RA9USU and Dominik/R4BE (DL5EBE). The team has been planning this operation for 14 months and finally received all permissions needed from the Military and the Norwegian authorities. Activity will be on all bands and modes, but the DXpedition will focus on the lower bands (160-30m) using CW and the Digital modes. They will also do the other bands like 60, 20 and possible 17m and SSB depending on the conditions. Look for more details as well as a Web page to be forthcoming.

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PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (June 29th-July 5th).....

Jun/29th HN	Jul/02nd AN	Jul/04th AN
Jun/30th AN	Jul/03rd AN	Jul/05th HN
Jul/01st AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRy DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

- * VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf> and <http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>
- * DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- * A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>
- * SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>
- * Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: <http://sunspotwatch.com>
- * News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment: <https://www.spaceweather.com>
- * Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: <http://arrl.org/propagation>
- * Information and tutorials on propagation are at: <http://k9la.us>
- * Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: <http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation>
- * Point to point propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html>
- * Real-time propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk>
- * Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (June 28th)

5B4ALG >> (N)	ED3C via EA3IBV (L)	OT1V via ON8VM & (L)
DK0A via DH8IAT	GB0ATM via MW5DJO	PZ5JW via EA5GL (d/L)
DL/HB9EAJ/P via HB9EAJ (L)	GB0WMZ via MW0JWP	SO50WD via SO5WD & (L)
DL20LAGA via DM4EAX	II8G via IZ8NWA	TM7Q via DF3FS (L)
DM19ERZ via DL3VU	MM3T via MM3T (e)	VK9NK via SP9FIH & (L)
ED1D via EC1D	OK8CCC via DL4MFM	ZS95QO via DK3ZL & (L)

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau (n) no printed QSLs

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: CP4BT, FR/DJ7RJ and TO7DL

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 6F3A, 9J2LA, EA7/DJ4EL (EU-143), F4FCE/P (EU-039)
HU1DL, JA8COE/0 and VP2VB

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!

--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc)
send in their info....

TO5, MARTINIQUE (Canceled). Uwe, DL8UD, who was expected to be active as
TO50 from Martinique (NA-107) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th),
has canceled his operation because he could not find a flight. He will
reschedule it to 2021.



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